



## News from U.S. Representative **Ciro D. Rodriguez** 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Texas

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### **Rodriguez announces new legislation to preserve and expand the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park**

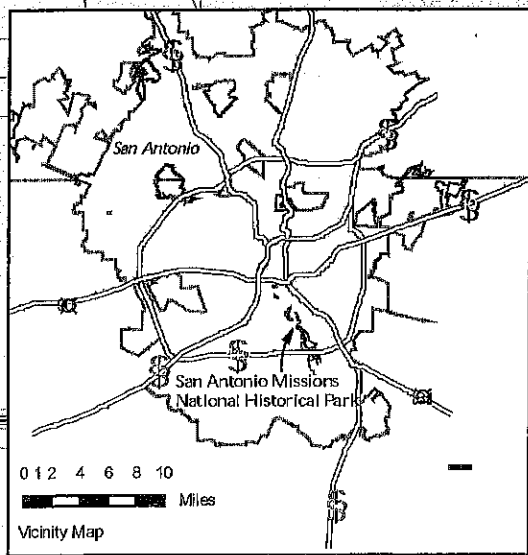
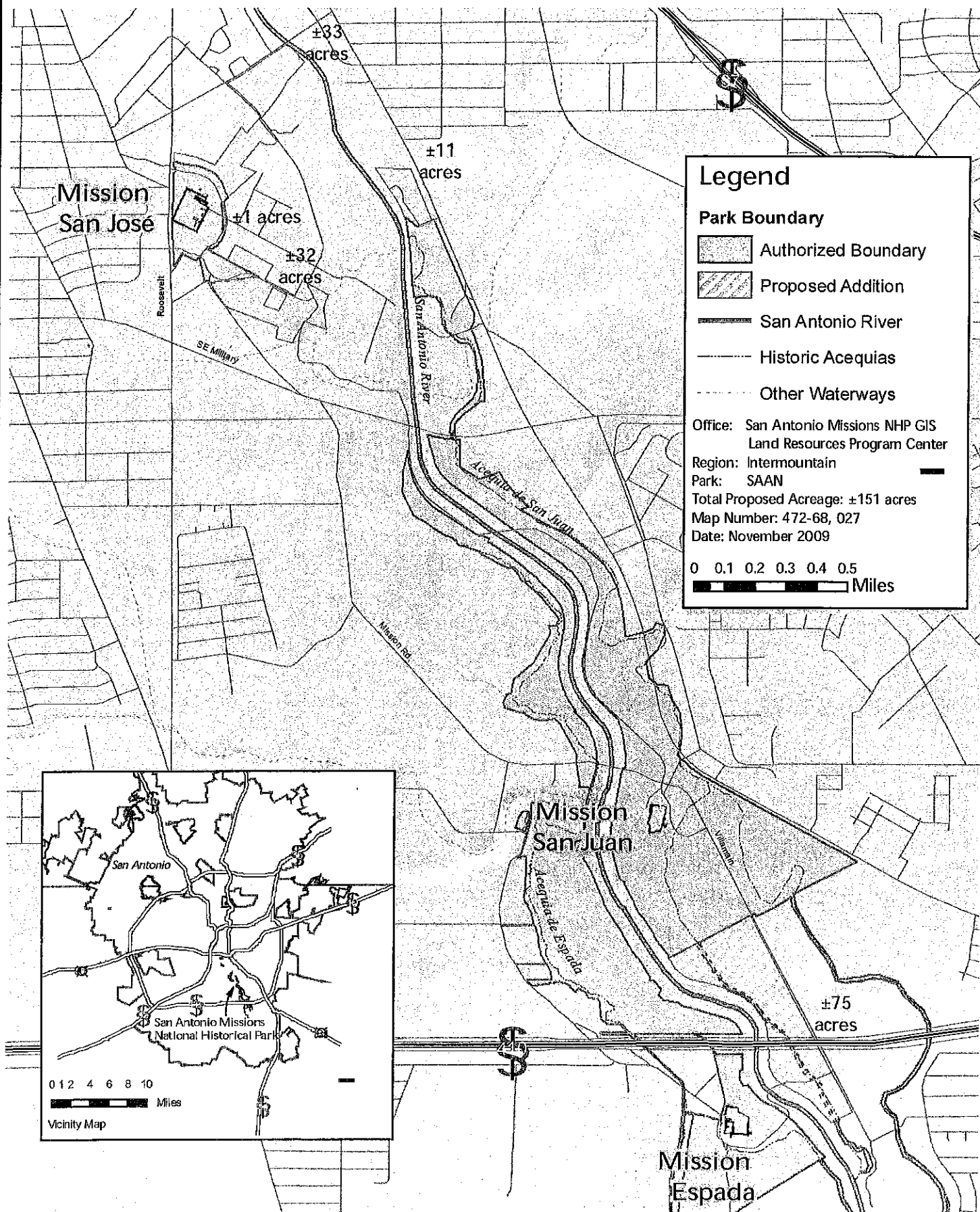
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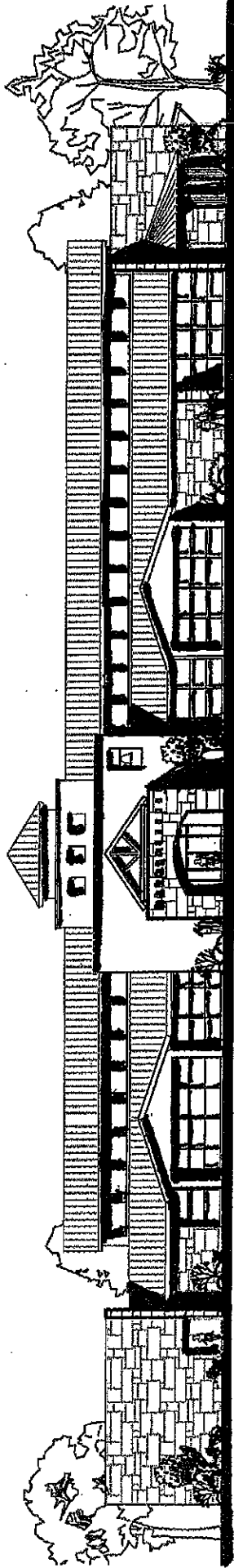
"This bill will preserve and expand one of our community's most treasured legacies, the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park," said Congressman Rodriguez. "I'm pleased to be part of a broad partnership to keep them intact and available to the public for education and recreational purposes. Together, we will restore these neighborhoods to their historic beauty and preserve our history while supporting future growth and development."

Bexar County Judge **Nelson Wolff** said the legislation helps further existing efforts to promote the area.

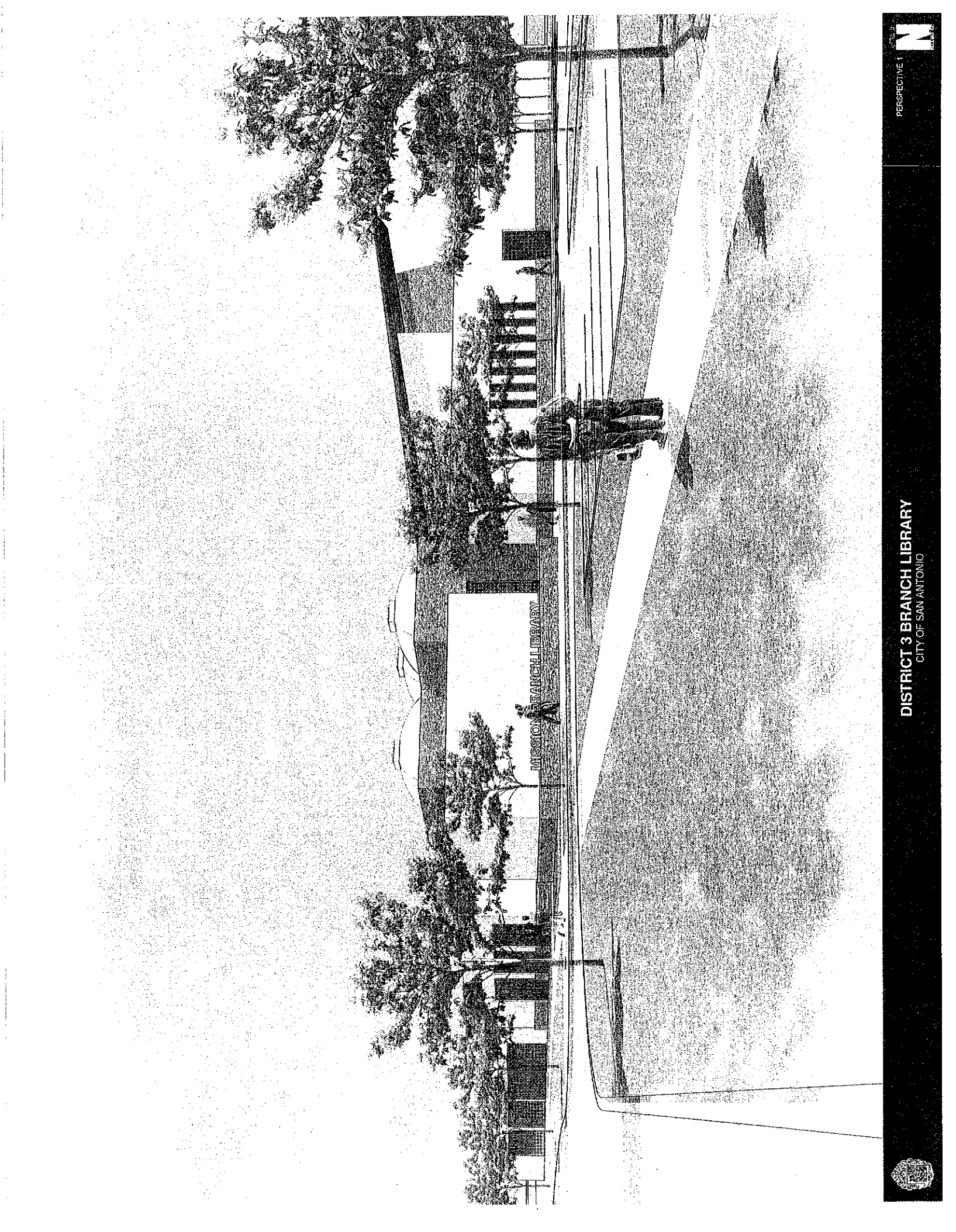
"This proposed legislation fits perfectly into what we are already doing with the Mission Reach of the River Improvements Project, and the new effort to create organized planning, development and maintenance efforts with all of our partners for this culturally rich area," Judge Wolff said. "The San Antonio River -- the core of our city and county -- will once again tie into the Missions National Historical Park, and it only makes sense that the park be able to expand its boundaries to reflect the importance of the Missions to our heritage."

Partnerships are critical to keeping the Missions National Historical Park thriving. The non-profit organization **Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park** has stepped in to raise funds for preservation, development and education projects.





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The legislation, which has received the support of the entire Bexar County Congressional delegation, will be introduced this week once the House of Representatives is back in session.

**WHO:** Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez** (TX-23)  
Bexar County Judge **Nelson Wolff**  
Bexar County Commissioner **Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez**  
San Antonio City Councilwoman **Jennifer Ramos**  
**Tom Weaver**, former Board Chair of SARA  
**David Vekasy**, of the National Park Service  
**Sue Ann Garcia**, Board Chair of Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions

**WHAT:** Announce new legislation for the San Antonio Missions

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 9:00 A.M.

**WHERE:** The Visitors Center at Mission San Jose  
(turn east onto Napier Avenue off Roosevelt Avenue, then take an  
immediate left onto San Jose Drive)

**OTHER:** Handouts showing the proposed expanded boundaries and a  
rendering of the new Education Center will be available to the press.

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*Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) serves as a member of the powerful House  
Appropriations Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee. For more information  
about Rodriguez, see his website at <http://rodriguez.house.gov> or contact his Press  
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